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Memorandum

To: Chief State School Officers

From: Cecil J. Picard *CJP*
State Superintendent of Education

Date: November 30, 2005

Subject: Louisiana Diplomas for Displaced Students

The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has voted to allow students who relocated to other states due to the hurricanes to receive Louisiana diplomas during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years. The purpose of this memo is to provide preliminary information to assist students and school officials in making scheduling decisions.

The following provides a broad outline of the process:

- Schools distribute the attached flyer to displaced Louisiana juniors and seniors.
- The current school counselor notifies the Louisiana Department of Education of the student's decision by supplying the student's name, social security number or date of birth, and former school on an electronic form on our website (www.louisianaschools.net).
- After the student completes the necessary courses, the current school counselor sends the transcript to the student's home district. Instructions for submitting the transcript electronically will soon be available on our website. A paper transcript may be submitted if preferred.
- The home district will evaluate the transcript and send the diploma to the student's current school.
- Students needing to take the Louisiana Graduation Exit Exam (GEE) will be provided three opportunities to take the GEE online in Spring 2006. More information will be provided regarding the online administration as plans are completed.

We appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information to Louisiana students attending schools in your state. A flyer for students is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Beben of my staff at 225-342-1152, toll free at 1-877-453-2721, or by e-mail at nancy.beben@la.gov.

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Attachment

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